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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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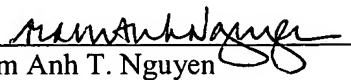
In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004 (Paper No. 3), applicant hereby provisionally elects the species covered by claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 17, and 18 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required an election between four species of the claimed invention: species I (drawn to FIG. 1), species II (drawn to FIG. 5A), species III (drawn to FIG. 6A), and species IV (drawn to FIG. 7). Accordingly, applicant provisionally elects species IV, and identifies claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 17, and 18 as being readable upon the elected species. Applicant also identifies claim 1 as being generic to all species of the invention.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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